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AXIS INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

IN

DENMARK

February 1944

1. ABWEHR

(a) It is reported from a source the reliability of which cannot be determined that a new Abwehrstelle has been set up at Kolding, Jutland. It is already known, and has been stated in a previous report, that the Sigd and S.L. have their H.Q. for Jutland at Kolding, and it is possible that source has confused the two organizations.

(b) The bookshop "Boghuset" from which Abwehrstelle Copenhagen conducts various undercover activities is now known to be a limited liability company, one of the directors of which is Rittmeister E. SCHAPPER, an Abwehr officer who operated in Denmark before the invasion as assistant German press attache and who is thought still to use this cover. His private address is Fritjof Nansens Plads 6, 2nd floor, Copenhagen (tel. 23.9177).

Another director of the company is Herbert Georg DANIELSEN, merchant, who lives at Randusvej 54, Charlottenlund (tel. Ord. 1454) and who has an office at Nørre Voldgade 88, Copenhagen (tel. C. 10865 and 5866). He is a German citizen born in 1881 in Plessburg in the disputed territory of South Jutland. For about 10 years before the last war he was employed by the firm P. PORNHOLT & Co., in Petrograd. He served as a German soldier in the last war, was a prisoner in Russia, and came to Copenhagen in 1919, where he started his present business, which is that of a wholesale dealer in cotton and woollen goods.

During 1940, before the invasion of Denmark, he was reported to be receiving official correspondence from E.L. BAER, the German consul-general in Chicago, in envelopes made to appear unofficial and designed to evade Allied censorship, for onward transmission from Denmark to the German Foreign Office.

The ostensible object of "Boghuset" is the distribution of various pro-German pamphlets and journals, one of which is the Danish-language newspaper "Horisonten" which is published in Germany for Danish war workers there. The distributing agent for this paper on the staff of "Boghuset" is Georg AIER, who lives at Klokkevej 14, 1st floor, Gentofte (tel. Ge. 451).

(c) Since early in 1942 Abwehrstelle Copenhagen have been using as a reporting centre for agents and as a post box, the firm of B. SCHILLING & Co., petrol merchants, Kbmagergade 53, 3rd floor, Copenhagen (tel. C. 1109). The manager of this firm was a German, Erich Karl Maria SCHILLINGER. His chief assistant (Dan. "prækurist") was KARL PERWING, the important Abwehr agent who has been the subject of previous reports and who is now reported to have been shot dead by

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A Danish report in Copenhagen during January 1945. The firm attracted the attention of the Danish Intelligence Service some months ago and it was blacklisted in the 1943 Christmas issue of the underground newspaper "The Frijskolen". As a result of this denunciation it has removed from its address. Two other firms, however, which shared offices and telephone number with SCHILLING & Co., have not removed and it is presumed that the Abwehr continues to work through them. They are: The Commercial Information Agency (Dan. "Handelscentralen") and the Greater Copenhagen House Agency (Dan. "Stor-København Husejendomsregister"), both owned by a certain H. Nielsen. The name NIELSEN has not appeared in any reports as being an agent, but it is possible that it is an alias either of SCHILLINGER or FALVIE.

(d) The German Naval officer JAPPE who was arrested in Denmark for espionage in 1938 in connection with the FLUGG-HARTUNG case and deported to Germany is now reliably reported to be in charge of harbour control at Aarhus under Nebensstelle Aarhus. He was a submarine commander in the last war and came to live in Denmark about 1920 as a representative of the German Lloyd. He lived at Birkerød in North Sjælland and he speaks fluent Danish.

(e) The Abwehr agent and former Lieutenant in the Danish Cavalry, HILS BADE, who was cashiered in 1917 in connection with the FLUGG-HARTUNG case and who was subsequently reported to have gone to Germany to join the German Army, is now reported to have returned to Denmark. His address is Falstergade 21, Aarhus (Tel. 11094).

(f) The following Danish name and address was found in the possession of an Abwehr agent recently captured in the Middle East: Axel, c/o Store Rindsgade 7, Søndersborg. This is probably the home address of Lieutenant Axel JØRGENSEN, a Dane serving in the German Army, who is reliably reported to have been until recently a member of Abwehrstelle Sofia.

Description: Born 1920, height 5'5" (1.65m), lightly built, pale complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, deep voice, slim white hands, effeminate walk, clean-shaven. Dresses eccentrically (wears in summer a helmet, shirts and fancy shoes). Weak character; drinks considerably; speaks Danish, English and French - all quite well - and some Bulgarian.

(g) A very reliable source has reported that an Abwehr officer or agent with the surname LUND, who has been operating in North Italy, has fallen foul of his superiors and has been sent to Copenhagen, where he had arrived by the 5th November 1944. It is possible that he is identical with Henrik LUND, merchant, Mariendalsvej 12B, 3rd floor, Copenhagen 8. (tel. Godthåb 2445), who was reported in 1941 to be a dangerous German agent operating in Copenhagen. Henrik LUND speaks German, English and French.

(h) The Abwehr agent and oil salesman, RINGSTED, stated in a previous report to be active in Copenhagen, is believed to be identical with Ejnar RINGSTED of Tuborgvej 7, Hellerup (tel. 4560). He is now managing director of an oil company, B. RINGSTED & Co., Islands Brygge 22, Copenhagen (tel. C. 8292). It shares this address and telephone number with the large German-owned firm, Københavns Kul & Koks Kompagni A/S, through which the Abwehr has for long been known to operate and of which RINGSTED has been for several years an employee.

(i) The Abwehr agent Ott. JØLLER, who was recently reported to have arrived in Denmark, and for some time, Pyn, is now thought to be identical with Ott. C. JØLLER of Vilekistevej 18, 2nd floor, Vanløse, Copenhagen.

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(11 Dec. 2015y). This man is in business as a fish dealer with an office at Høfsten, Plæsket 17, Copenhagen (tel. C. 8927). The report which stated that Cst. MILLER had gone to Denmark described him as a fish expert.

(j) Gunnar HILSSON, the agent of Abwehrstelle Copenhagen recently reported to be in business as a fish dealer with an office in Høfsten, Plæsket 17, has moved from this address although the premises are still occupied by a firm of fish dealers with whom it is possible that he is still connected. His home address, Kirkevej 15, Charlottenlund, remains unchanged.

2. SIFO AND S.D.

(a) A report has been received from a source, the reliability of which cannot be assessed, that S.S.-Standartenführer Dr. TILNER, the "Befehlshaber" of the Sifo and S.D. for Denmark, has been replaced by S.S.-Standartenführer BOVENSIEPEN.

(b) The head of Abteilung VI is now reported by a reliable source to be Hauptsturmführer FRIE. He came to Denmark in 1937 under diplomatic cover, and he emerged from this cover and became a uniformed S.S. officer when the German invasion of Denmark took place.

(c) It appears to be the practice at the Sifo and S.D. Headquarters, "Dagmarhus", Copenhagen, for certain Danish-speaking officers to be used for interrogating Danish prisoners on behalf of all six departments, dealing with each department in turn in successive interrogations. The reports of interrogations are signed by the suspect, counter-signed by the interrogator and headed with the department symbol in the top left hand corner, e.g. IV 11. One of the officials who conducts such interrogations is Kriminalkommissar SPAN.

(d) The headquarters of the Sifo and S.D. for Jutland is at the farm "Staldgården", near Kolding, and a section of Kolding Prison has been made available to them in a similar arrangement to that prevailing at the Western Prison, Copenhagen.

(e) There is a post in Aarhus. The location of the office is not known, but the officers and men are quartered in the students' hostel at the University. According to one report they number 800, but this may include Ordnungspolizei. The only officer whose name is known is "Kriminalkommissar" JOHANNSEN, who appears to be the link with the Danish C.I.C.

(f) The detachment at "Grav Spøt Havn", Esbjerg, is under the command of Kriminalkommissar BURGUND. A detachment of 150 Ordnungspolizei under Hauptmann BOSEFELD is quartered with it.

(g) The post at Lykkedgade 13, Ålborg, is under the command of Kriminalkommissar BERNDT.

(h) The staff of the post at Odense consists of 18 Sicherheitspolizei, under the command of Kriminalkommissar CULLEN, and 150 Ordnungspolizei under Hauptmann LESTER. In addition to the "Husmands" School and the "Dalum" School, previously reported to be occupied by the Sifo and S.D., there is an office in the town of Odense itself, at the youth hostel "Vandrehjem" in Ungsøvej. It is known to be used for interrogations and is probably the head office for Fyn. There are also 10 Geheimfeldpolizei at the "Vandrehjem", commanded by Leutnant SCHULTZE, and five or six Feldgendarmaria.

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There is an out-post of Ordnungspolizei at Otterup, near Slusse, commanded by an officer called HEBEL, who is described as "Polizeimeister".

(1) There is a post at the garrison town of Naestved, on the island of Sjælland, and the officer in charge lives in the customs house, which overlooks the inner harbor.

(2) The following are reliably reported to be Sip and S.D. Agents:-

(i) WILLE, Steen Andersen & Peter WESTER.

Dane. Born 15.1.19 at Odense. He travels about in Denmark under his alias and describes himself as a merchant, giving his date and place of birth as 14.12.17, Copenhagen, and his address as Kjøgevej 44, Gentofte. On no occasion, when he was clearly acting for the Germans, he was asked by the Danish police to produce credentials. He produced these, and they showed that he was an S.S.-Sturmabführer (presumably of the "Schulburg Corps").

(ii) PIRKEL-JENSEN, S.S.L.P.

Dane. Born 9.12.11. He was a "Kapitänleutnant" in the Danish Army and adjutant of the 15th Bn., 1st Regt. of Infantry, Stokhusgade 3, Copenhagen, until the demobilisation of the Danish Army in September 1943. He is now an officer in the "Schulburg Corps".

(iii) KENNEDY, Paul.

Address: Wårhusvej 24, Odense.

Dane. He describes himself as a genealogist. Part of his duties consists of interrogating Danish prisoners at Hørsholm concentration camp. He is an old member of the Danish National Socialist Party and was described in 1943 as head of its department of racial politics.

(iv) MURSEN, Jørgen.

Address: Aarhus.

Dane. Born 15.9.13 in Argentina. He was arrested by the Danish police in Aarhus in November 1943 for being in unauthorized possession of a revolver. During the search of his person, proof was found that he was an "agent of the S.S.".

(v) NILSEN, T.J.P.O. (Nick-name "Tibbe").

Address: Holstenbergvej 3, Vanløse, Copenhagen.

He was a "Premierleutnant" of the 15th Bn. of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, Naestved, until the demobilisation of the Danish Army in September 1943. Since his demobilisation, he has been employed by the Sip and S.D. in attempts to penetrate Danish resistance as assisting with escapes to Sweden. Although he is known to many Danes as strongly pro-German and a member of the Nazi organisation within the Danish Army, "Krigens Vagtmestre", he represents himself as having changed his political

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views and as being used to escape to Sweden. He asks for assistance, and when arrangements have been made for his escape, he denounces those who have made them. For no such permission, which resulted in the arrest of two Copenhagen citizens by the Sips, KAESER was recently blacklisted in the Danish underground press.

Description: Born about 1916, height 6'1" (1.85 m), medium build, light fair hair, distinguished features.

(vi) KJELLSEN, Christian Jenson.

Address: 47 Tordens, South Sotland.

He is a member of the local Danish C.I.D. ("Kriminal-assistent"). He assists the Sips and S.D. with their arrests of Danes, ostensibly as an interpreter. His activities are strongly resented by his Danish police colleagues who succeeded in charging him with blackmarket offenses during November 1943 and in having him rounded in custody. It is unknown whether or not he has been released. He was born in the disputed territory of Slesvig-Holsten and claims to be a German subject.

(vii) VISTEN, Harluf Christian.

Address: 4 Kistrinegade 20, Kolding.

Info: He has taken part with the Sips in the arrests of Danish patriots in Kolding.

(viii) KJENSEN, Einar.

Address: 4 Danas Hotel, Aarhus.

Info: Manager of the above hotel. He has been supplied with a revolver by the Sips and S.D. This fact is known to the Danish police who have made repeated attempts to have it taken from him.

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